

BIKE NOTE, from the desk of:

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I am pleased that you will be bicycling in Idaho. Following are some “tips.” Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.



Current State Highway System construction information can be reviewed on the department’s “Idaho Road Report” web site — <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/Apps/RoadReport/>



Bicycles are allowed on all public roads in Idaho, including the shoulders of the interstate highways. A copy of the state’s bicycling laws is attached. Some major differences from other states are Idaho’s stop-sign and right-on-red laws.



Idaho has significant distances between cities on some of its highways. Plan accordingly with the water and food you carry. A mileage chart is on the enclosed shoulder-width map.



Mountain and high-desert day/night temperatures can change dramatically. A swing of 40-50 degrees is not uncommon.



Be advised that the weather in Idaho’s mountainous areas can change rather quickly.



Idaho does not designate bicycle “routes” on its State Highway System. We do have many beautiful Scenic Byways and a brochure with maps is enclosed.



For state/local tourist information go to: <http://www.visitid.org/> or www.inidaho.com. For State Highway System information go to: <http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/webster.cgi> (Your computer needs to be JAVA enabled. The upper-right box allows you to choose an attribute (i.e., shoulder width/type, average daily traffic, terrain type, etc.). Then click on the map in the area you want information. More than one click enlarges a specific area. Then click the “REFRESH” button at the bottom. Remember to always click the “REFRESH” button when a new attribute is selected.) For state/local maps go to: <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/planning/gis/>. For an Idaho State Parks guide email jcolcord@idpr.state.is.us. For statewide rural daily average and daily average commercial traffic-flow maps go to http://www.itd.idaho.gov/planning/reports/atr_wim/RTFMaps/2003/index.html.



Any comment about the information you received to plan your trip and your experience cycling in Idaho is welcome. Improvements I can make to better help those that “follow in your tracks” would certainly be appreciated by all.



Have a safe trip and enjoy Idaho!

